

REMARKS

In the Action, claims 21-89 are rejected. In response, new claims 90-92 are added. The pending claims in this application are claims 21-92, with claims 21, 37, 47, 53, 69 and 82 being independent. New claims 90-92 recite a display including an image from each of the programs as shown in Figure 6 and page 11 of the specification. In view of these amendments and following comments, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

The Rejection

Claims 21-89 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,850,218 to LaJoie et al. LaJoie et al. is cited for disclosing each of the features of the claimed invention.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method of accessing a video and/or audio program among various video and/or audio programs stored in the storage means of an apparatus. The claimed method receives a request signal to access the program stored within the apparatus, displaying a program list where the list includes information regarding the video and/or audio program and an image corresponding to one of the video and/or audio programs, and accessing the program based on a selection made in a display screen. LaJoie et al. does not disclose or suggest the combination of the recited steps. In particular, LaJoie et al. does not display a program list of the programs and an image corresponding to one of the video and/or audio programs within the displayed list.

The Action refers generally to various passages in LaJoie et al. but does not identify where each of the claimed features are disclosed. For example, with respect to claim 21, the Action refers generally to column 1, lines 1-7 of LaJoie et al. This passage refers only to full service television systems to refer to a variety of television programming. This passage does not disclose or suggest a method of receiving a request signal to access video and/or audio

programs, displaying a program list and an image corresponding to the program list, or accessing the video program based on the selection made in a display screen. Moreover, LaJoie et al. specifically is directed to a full service television system implemented as a cable television system. LaJoie et al. does not disclose or suggest an apparatus storing a plurality of video and/or audio programs or a method of accessing the stored programs. LaJoie et al. further fails to disclose displaying a program list of the stored programs and an image corresponding to one of the stored video and/or audio programs. Accordingly, LaJoie et al. does not anticipate claim 1.

The passages referred to in the Action do not display an image of the program stored in a storage means of a video and/or audio recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed. The image displayed by LaJoie et al. is the live broadcast from the television service. Furthermore, there is no disclosure of displaying a program list comprising information of programs stored in the apparatus and an image corresponding to the program.

With respect to claim 22, the Action refers to Figure 16, item 340 and column 23, lines 55-58 of LaJoie et al. These passages do not disclose or suggest the displayed image being a still image as recited in claim 22. The passage in column 3 specifically discloses the viewing window displaying a reduced size display “of the normal television display” so that the program being viewed prior to entering the program guide may continue to be viewed while in the guide. Thus, the image 340 referred to in the Action is clearly not a still image, but rather the live program being displayed by the television system. Accordingly, claim 22 is not anticipated.

LaJoie et al. also does not disclose or suggest a still image extracted from a predetermined part of the corresponding program stored in the apparatus as in claim 23. The Action refers to column 10, lines 28-30 of LaJoie et al. This passage refers only to encoded images. There is no suggestion of displaying a still image extracted from a predetermined part of a stored program as in claim 23. Accordingly, claim 23 is not anticipated. LaJoie et al. further fails to disclose the step of displaying the program list and the image corresponding to

the program as in claims 24-27, the order of the displayed information of claims 28 and 29, displaying a user input screen to facilitate editing the information as in claim 29, the apparatus of claim 30, or the plurality of video and/or audio program sources of claim 32, in combination with the features of claim 21.

LaJoie et al. also fails to disclose the video and/or audio program stored in a storage device associated with the video recording/reproducing apparatus as in claim 33, the request signal being received from an external input device as in claim 34, the programs being data compressed according to a compression format as in claims 35 and 36, in combination with the features of claim 21.

LaJoie et al. also fails to disclose the method of displaying information of video and/or audio programs stored in a video recording/reproducing apparatus as in claim 37. The Action refers generally to Figure 3 and Figure 21, but does not identify where these figures allegedly disclose the claimed method steps. Figure 3 and Figure 21 of LaJoie et al. do not disclose the claimed step of receiving a request signal to display information of the program stored in the apparatus and displaying the information and an image corresponding to one of the programs stored in the apparatus. Figure 3 is a schematic diagram of the television system of LaJoie et al. which discloses a remote control for operating the television system. Figure 21 shows the program highlighted in the menu being displayed. As noted above, the image being displayed is the actual program from the television system and is not an image corresponding to a video and/or audio program stored in the apparatus as in the claimed invention. Accordingly, independent claim 37 is not anticipated by LaJoie et al.

The Action also refers to Figures 3 and 21 as allegedly disclosing the method of claim 47. For the reasons discussed above, LaJoie et al. does not disclose a method of displaying information of programs stored in a video recording/reproducing apparatus. LaJoie et al. further fails to disclose the method by receiving a request signal to display information stored in the

apparatus where the display information comprises images corresponding to the respective programs and one or more of the title information, recording date information, and reproducing information of one of the programs. Accordingly, the method of claim 47 is not anticipated by LaJoie et al.

The Action again refers to column 1, lines 1-7 of LaJoie et al. as allegedly disclosing the apparatus of claim 53. As noted above, this passage refers only to a full service television system. There is no suggestion in this passage of a storage device having video and/or audio programs stored therein and accessing the video and/or audio program. This passage further fails to disclose an interface unit for receiving input signals to access the program among the video and/or audio program stored in the storage device and a main control unit for providing a list comprising information of the programs and an image corresponding to one of the programs and accessing the video and/or audio program based on a selection made in a display screen. Accordingly, claim 53 is not anticipated by LaJoie et al.

Independent claims 69 and 82 are also not anticipated by LaJoie et al. since LaJoie et al. does not disclose each of the claimed features. Specifically, LaJoie et al. does not disclose a storage device for displaying information regarding video and/or audio programs stored therein including an interface unit for receiving a request signal and a main control unit for providing information and an image corresponding to one of the audio programs as in claim 69. The Action refers to program guide 420 and Figure 21 to support the rejection. Referring generally to these sections does not support the rejection based on anticipation.

Claim 82 is also rejected by referring generally to Figures 3 and 21 of LaJoie et al. These figures do not disclose an apparatus for displaying information of programs stored in a storage device where the apparatus includes an interface unit for receiving a request signal regarding the program stored in the storage device and a main control unit for providing

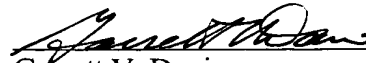
information including images corresponding to the programs stored in the storage device and one or more of the title information, recording date information, and reproducing time.

The claims depending from independent claims 37, 47, 53, 69 and 82 are also allowable for the reasons advanced with respect to claims 22-36.

The Action clearly has failed to identify where each and every feature of the claims is found either expressly or inherently in the cited patent. Furthermore, for the reasons discussed above, the cited patent does not disclose the claimed features. Accordingly, the Action has not established anticipation of the claims. New claims 90-92 are also allowable as depending from an allowable base claim and for reciting additional features of the invention that are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. In particular, the art of record does not disclose simultaneously displaying information of the programs and an image of each of the programs displayed on the display screen as in claim 90. As noted above, LaJoie et al. discloses a screen broadcasting the program from the television system while enabling a program menu to be viewed. LaJoie et al. clearly fails to disclose an image corresponding to each of the programs as in the claimed invention. LaJoie et al. further fails to disclose the images being a still image extracted from the program stored in the apparatus as in claim 91, or the main control unit displaying the program list comprising the information and a still image corresponding to each of the programs in the list as in claim 92.

In view of the above comments, the claims are submitted to be allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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